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Serial No.:	10/007364	Group Art Unit:	3731
Filed:	November 5, 2001	Docket No.:	20043.0003USD4
Title:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSPERICARDIAL LEFT ATRIAL APPENDAGE CLOSURE		

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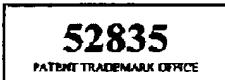
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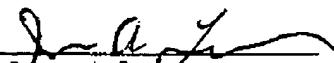
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 1-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 19, 2005, said period of response being extended from December 19, 2005 to January 19, 2006 (Applicant previously paid 2-month extension of time fees for October 19, 2005 to December 19, 2005).

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